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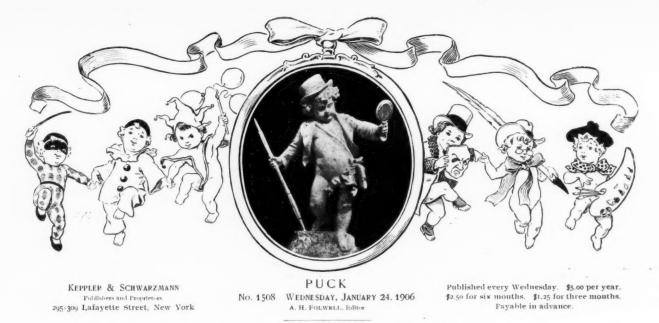


"Oh, Mother, may I go out to swim?"

"Oh, yes, my darling daughter!

Hang your clothes on the hickory limb,

But—DON'T YOU GO NEAR THE WATER!!!"



#### "What Fools These Mortals Be!"

THE LIBERAL Landslide in England held a hint about its person somewhere for the stalwart American Stand-Patter. We wonder

WHAT DEPTHS of gratitude must Jester Depew have felt for Jester

Rogers! For was it not Jester Rogers who pushed him out of the lime-light?

WHEN A MAN figures up the stubs of his check-book he is always surprised at the smallness of his bank balance. He always hopes it will be larger than he expects, but it never is.

When, under the Elkins law, a railroad official is indicted for rebate-giving, he may be fined but not imprisoned, if convicted. The company pays the fine, the offender returns to his desk and next day there are other and more newsy things on the first pages of the papers. Now, honestly, would it dishearten a safe-cracker very much, do you think, if when caught with the goods, he was solemnly found guilty of disorderly conduct and sentenced to ten days in jail?

T was a member of the Bible class who suggested boldly that "we devote less of the hour to music" and more to young Mr. Rockefeller. How can you devote less of the hour to music and more to young Mr. Rockefeller, when the terms are synonymous? When teacher speaks, the very organ stops voluntarily, and the upright piano sits down within its carven case. Music? What music is sweeter than that of the soloist whose voice has been oiled from child-Ah, if Father would only drop in some Sabbath afternoon and make it a duet!

TARBELL and Ida Butts have each had a go at Standard Oil.

Are there any other Idas at home like them?

Twas all right, of course, for Col. Bryan to become a Datto. He is his own master. Only—and we say this in all kindness when he comes back among us to resume his speeches, we trust for modesty's sweet sake that he will not wear his Datto uniform upon the platform.

> A SUIT AGAINST Pa McCurdy, to recover part of the money paid to him as salary, is said to be a pleasing possibility. Come to think

of it, a stipend of \$150,000 a year is rather more than most missionaries receive for their services.

"A PLAIN HEADACHE may be a sign of brain tumor," says Dr. Osler. Whereas a fancy headache may be a sign of falling off the wagon. ware of fancy headaches!

A TRUSTED CLERK in Connecticut turned "Raffles," much to the astonishment of his employer. Probably he had seen Kyrle Bellew play the part and was carried away by the romance of the thing. There are no burglars nowadays; they are all Rafflesses, thanks to the ingenious gentlemen who make crime much more fascinating than the old style dime novels.

MAXIMUM and minimum tariff, as defined in the McCleary Bill, is a conception worthy of the greatest of stand-pat minds. We have only to explain, in order to make this clear, that under the terms of the Mc-Cleary Bill, the Dingley rates are the minimum. An importer, bringing in goods from a country not hostile commercially to the United States, would thus be given the priceless privilege of paying no more in duty than he does at present. The tariff reformer at once takes heart, for he sees that the cause is not hopeless when concessions like this can



"WELL! WELL! HOW THAT CHILD OF MINE DOES GROW!"

#### HOW TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.

DIRECTIONS FOR GETTING INTO THE WHITE HOUSE.

A GREAT MANY people, like Mrs. Morris, have difficulty in obtaining an audience with President Roosevelt. If they are so fortunate as to get past the White House door they are almost instantly

fired out again by some hired man, and the President does n't even know that

they called.

Now, it is easy enough to get to the President if you go about it the right There are several right ways, but perhaps the best is to rig out as a cow-boy, ride your broncho into the White

House hall, and proceed to shoot up the place. If you call in the evening, shoot out the lights. When the hired man appears make him dance a few steps in the familiar fashion and then remark: "Now you hustle into Bad Lands Teddy and tell him Bobcat Bill wants to see him real partickler." But the chances are that the President will come running out as soon as the shooting begins. He knows better than

anyone else the music of the whirling cylinder.

Another and less strenuous method of gaining an audience is to disguise yourself as a guide. A leather coat and a coonskin cap will suffice for make-up, and the merest hint to the hired man that you are Allygash Ike, or Penobscot Pete, will produce immediate results, even if a cabinet meeting is in progress.

Still another method, and one which ladies might employ, is to disguise one's self as a stork. A warm welcome is assured, and one

may enter by any door or window. Personally we like best the cowboy entrance, and we think that

the President too prefers it. If the tariff is the mother of the trusts, who shall complain? Is it not worth all it costs to have at least one mother whose children

cherish her fondly after she has outlived her usefulness?

CONCLUSIVE.

Now, look-a-here, 'Squire!" argumentatively began Hi Hilli-"about the regulation of the railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission -

"Aw, I settled all that yesterday afternoon, down at the post-office!" grumpily interrupted the Old Codger. "If you was n't around you missed out on it, that 's all! I have n't got time to settle it again to-day."



S HE awakes from a deep sleep to find the flames roaring and crackling all about her.

"Merciful heavens! am I lost?" she cries.

No. On the contrary. The fire, in point of fact, has heated her curling tongues to such a degree that she can make ready

to effect her escape without the loss of a precious moment.
"How little we know!" she murmurs, when at last she is borne

down the ladder, looking too sweet.



#### NEEDS PRAYING FOR.

Mrs. Porkham (of Chicago).—I see that when them religious
Turks pray they always turn their faces towards the East.
Mr. Porkham.—Gosh! They must read the New York

#### THE CORRECT THING IN SUBURBAN OVERCOATS.







EVENING WEAR.



#### THE FINAL PREPARATION.

Business College Teacher (to graduating class) .- Now, young gentlemen, for your last lesson. Take a good long look at this, and get used to it, for you'll find one like it these days in any big office you enter.

#### HOW MONEY MAKES THE HACK GO.

OR many springs boy yaledictorians and sweet girl graduates have told us that character, genius, art and literature could not be bought by mere paltry, tainted money. But now it seems that these echo plumbines have been mistaken. In these days of so much per, so much per diem, per hour, per foot, per family, literature has been put on the same basis. In the good old days of long ago, i.e., five years ago, magazine stories were bought ensemble. Then so much a word was paid, usually one cent. This being satisfactory to the litterateurs, and the

idea of so much per entering into story buying, the price rose in competition to five cents. And now to-day, the spirit of commercialism having so saturated literature, many magazines are offering twenty-five cents a word.

#### AT ONE CENT PER.

Miss Edgcombe was lying on the sand just out of reach of the waves. At her feet lay De Lancey Clavering heaping the sand into little piles just where the waves could melt them

down.
"Why do you do that?" asked

Miss Edgcombe.

"Because they are like my heart." De Lancey looked at her earnestly. "They are melted down before the waves like my heart is before your glances."

Then he leaned forward and caught her hand and held it until he had heaped a pile of sand upon it.

#### AT FIVE CENTS PER.

Miss Edgcombe was lying on the sand just out of reach of the waves, looking demurely at the sea. But her thoughts were not on the fleeting turquoise of the sea, for at her feet lay De Lancey Clavering. He was heaping the sand into little piles and watching the tricky waves bear them off.
"Why do you make those little piles?" asked Miss Edg-

combe leaning forward and boring a hole in the sand with her

forefinger.

The young man slowly raised his head, gazed into her liquid eyes a moment and then half-whispered earnestly: "Because they are like my heart. They are melted before the uncaring waves like my heart is before your glances."

"Oh!" she exclaimed in a tone of agreeable surprise, dropping

her eyes.

He leaned over and caught her hand and held it until he had slowly and deliberately heaped a pile of sand upon it.

#### AT TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER.

Miss Edgcombe was lying on the sand just out of reach of the waves. This was her first season at the shore; she was to leave for the city the next day. She was looking idly at the changing ripples that caught the evening sun's rays for a moment and then fled away from them. The rising and falling of the little shore waves reminded her of the mass of humans surging through the city streets. She was wondering if she had met anybody during the

#### THE RISK THAT REFUSED TO BE TAKEN.



VENTURESOME STRANGER. - I am an insurance agent, your highness - health, life and accident!

HIS HIGHNESS .- No difference. Me eat you.

VENTURESOME STRANGER. - Then, before you begin, let me insure you against dyspepsia, indigestion, liver trouble, enlargement of the spleen, appendicitis-



"Just my luck! I 've lost him!"



summer whom she would think twice of when she was back in the big noisy city.

At her feet lay De Lancey Clavering, with whom she had danced, and bathed, and sketched the sea by moonlight, as she had done with a dozen more young men. He was heaping the loose, yielding sand into piles, letting it trickle out of his hands in little streams, and dreamily watching the eager waves come slowly up and then gleefully bear them off.

He was thinking of the next day when his companion would leave, and then there would be nothing for him to do but go back to the routine of the big city.

Miss Edgcombe half-sorrowfully broke the silence. "Why do you make those little piles?" She bent forward and bored a hole in the sand with her dainty forefinger.

The young man turned his head so that he could catch her eye and then whispered earnestly: "Because they are like my heart."

"How so?" she asked softly,

"How so?" she asked softly, letting her eyes fall and watching the sand slip back into the hole.

"Because they are—they are—"
She smiled delusively, and he went on.

"Because they are like your—no, because they are—"

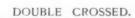
He halted lamely. But she smiled encouragingly and he continued deter-

minedly: "Because they are melted down before the uncaring waves like my heart is before your glances."

before your glances."
"Oh!" she breathed in a tone of agreeable surprise, dotting holes with her forefinger and thumb.

He leaned over and caught her small hand tanned so tantalizingly and held it until he slowly and deliberately, without saying a word, but speaking with his eyes and tender grips, had heaped a pile of sand upon it.

\*\*Homer Croy.\*\*



FREDDIE.—They have the nobreakfast fad around our house.

Bobbie. — How do you stand it?

Freddie. — Pretty well, except when I 'm bad and get sent to bed without any supper.

#### MOONSHINING.

THE DRUG DRUMMER.
—How are the patent medicine exposures affecting your business?

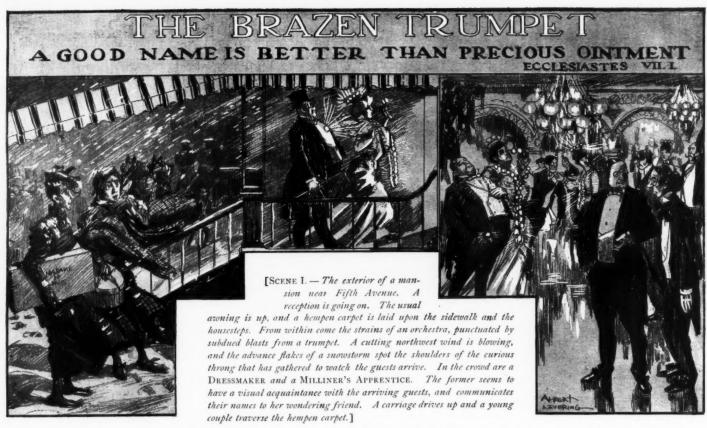
ing your business?
THE RURAL DRUGGIST.—Darn bad! Ever since the foxy farmers discovered the ingredients of the leadin' brands they 're makin' their own stuff!

IN MOIST KENTUCKY.

 $M_{\mbox{\scriptsize RS}}.$  Softstuff. — I 'm afraid, Colonel, that you are contracting a terrible habit.

COLONEL RYESEH.—Contracting, Madame? Not at all; I am expanding one.

CIVILIZATION has replaced the Indian whoop by the college yell, although a visitor from another planet might not recognize the improvement



THE DRESSMAKER.—That 's Harry Rhinestone Van Breese. Lives in that grand house on the Avenyer I showed you on the way down. His name 's in the papers every day. Don't you remember reading about the bachelor dinner he gave at the Saint Mammon Hotel?

THE APPRENTICE (drawing her shawl tightly about her neck).

-Is that his wife? What a grand hat!

THE DRESSMAKER.—My! you ought to see her gowns! I helped to fit one. [Another Carriage arrives.] That 's Howard Bradley Hunniford, the great cotillion leader. He 's awfully rich and popular. They just can't do without him at Newport.

THE APPRENTICE (admiringly).—It 's wonderful, Marie, the

way you remember names and faces.

The Dressmaker.—Oh, I 've worked in lots of their houses. And then, you know, I read all the Sunday papers and the society journals. [Another carriage arrives.] That 's Mortimer Leffington Fitch, one of the richest bachelors in New York. His father died last year and left him ten millions. He got as much more from his uncle, Mr. Leffington.

THE APPRENTICE (shivering, as a gust of wind cuts through her

thin clothing). - He looks mighty uppish, don't he.

THE DRESSMAKER .- Who would n't be uppish with such a swell name? [Another carriage arrives.] That 's Rosalie Hayne Winton. The Boston Wintons, you know. Came out this season, and all the men are wild over her. She 's a grand dresser. That gown she's got on cost a lot more than a thousand dollars.

THE APPRENTICE. - My! ain't she haughty, though! She don't need no checkrein. She's got a swell name, too. They've all got

swell names

THE DRESSMAKER.—Yes; they all got swell names, and they got a right to be proud of them. Think of all they stand for. Well, everybody's come that 's coming, I guess. Let's go home. My feet are like ice.

THE APPRENTICE (coughing) .- I'm ice all over.

[Scene II .- The interior of the mansion. A functionary in livery announces the guests, preceding each name with a melodious blast on a brazen trumpet. From a corner of the reception room a CYNIC and a POET watch the stream of notables. The trumpet calls.]

THE TRUMPETER.-Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhinestone Van

THE CYNIC (to the Poet). - His father was a banker, and his operations brought about the collapse of half-a-dozen banks. He used the savings deposits of his own bank to finance his railroad

schemes. The depositors were *not* paid in full. He was never prosecuted; the case was smoothed over. Rhinestone, from whom young Van Breese gets his middle name, was his grandfather. made his pile out of building contracts with old Tweed. Every dollar he made was a dishonest dollar.

THE POET.—Strange! Harry Rhinestone Van Breese did not whisper his name to the Trumpeter. I heard it distinctly

from here.

THE TRUMPETER. - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bradley Hunniford! THE CYNIC.—His father was President of a life insurance company. After the inquiry he resigned and is now living abroad, as are two of the principal witnesses against him—at his expense. Howard gets his second name, Bradley, from his uncle, whose lifework consisted of taking his string of horses from one horse-show to another. Incidentally he invented a new cotillion figure, and ran away with a chorus girl.

THE POET.—Yet Howard Bradley Hunniford did not whisper

his name to the Trumpeter. He almost bawled out.

THE TRUMPETER.—Mr. Mortimer Leffington Fitch!

THE CYNIC.—His father is Senator Fitch, who represents various vested interests on the floor of the United States Senate. He was the attorney for a gang that conspired to loot the public lands. He was also one of the heaviest subscribers to "Fads and Fancies." You may recall Leffington, who provides the young gentleman's middle name. He figured in a particularly racy divorce suit, and a year or so ago was shot in an apartment house by a friend who returned home unexpectedly. It was given out that he died of heart disease. The facts were never published. It was an inside

THE POET.—Yet Mortimer Leffington Fitch did not whisper

his name to the Trumpeter! He held his head high. THE TRUMPETER. - Miss Rosalie Hayne Winton!

THE CYNIC.—Winton made his millions in commercial assassination. He got his start by turning a dirty trick on his associates, and he has since ruined a hundred men. He represents everything despicable in modern business methods. Hayne was a grafter of the old school. He cut up one of the biggest melons that the board of aldermen ever feasted on. Two of the board were sent to the penitentiary, but Hayne died in the odor of sanctity, a vestryman of St. Anthony's Church.

THE POET.—Yet Rosalie Hayne Winton did not whisper her

name to the Trumpeter.

THE CYNIC. No, my dear fellow. None of them whispers his name. And, when you come to think of it, that is one of the most astonishing of the phenomena of our social life.



#### THE SUBWAY CRUSH.

MOTHER MOUSE. - Children, never, never take the Subway! It was at this entrance that your poor, dear father was killed.

#### "OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENT."

HE country scribbler, bless his ways And bless his noble tribe! -He has an old-time honored phrase All functions to describe. Be it a cock-fight or a play 'T is all the same, egad! He takes his pen in hand to say, "A pleasant time was had."

When neighbors come from near and far To kill the festive hog Or men convene to chase the "b'ar" From out its native bog, Or boys and girls prepare a fête And gather gay and glad -He takes his pen in hand to state, "A pleasant time was had."

And when the powder-mill explodes He 's right on hand, I ween, To help pick fragments from the roads And thus portray the scene: "Bereaved relations raised their cries And lamentations sad

And took it hard, but otherwise A pleasant time was had.'

CALLING HIM DOWN.

WHILE I is n't namin' no names and don't aim to be pussonal in muh specifications," said good old Parson Bagster, during a recent sermon. "I is bodaciously impelled to request a certain worthy brudder to yuhafter please be a leetle mo' economical wid his vociferation. It am all right to soah aloft to a reasonable height in pra'r and praise, but when a man sings so volcanically dat he drowns de choir plumb out and causes de constable to come uh-swaggerin' round after he thinks de free fight am all over, and prays so loud and numerous dat de Puhsidin' Elder

'nominates it a 'sturbance radder dan a supplication, it am sho'ly 'propriate for dat anonymous brudder to take a tuck in his vocality. De frivolous deems it funny, de devout am shocked, and de sick and conflicted in de neighborhood am 'sturbed of deir rest; and it 'pears to me dat dat zealous but elaborate

brudder am elected to turn off bis breath 'stid o' blowin' it out."

"Yassah! Yassah!" doggedly replied Brother Shinpaw, the culprit, rising in his place in the midst of the congregation. "But I wants yo' to un'erstand, dat I's a free and unlimited moral agent and has de sah, dat I's a free and unlimited moral agent, and has de right to worship de Lawd accordin' to de indica-

tions of muh own conscience, sah!" "Yo'sho'ly is, muh brudder,' replied the clergyman, "and yo' also most salaciously has! Whuh we differ in de matter am on de extent of de longitude to be puhmitted in de stretchin' of yo' conscience. And I begs to elucidate dat it ain't needer praise nor worship to r'ar back and holler at de Lawd like He was a balky hoss! De hat will now circumambulate th'oo de congregation. Hur-rumph!"



OUT FOR A STROLL.

#### WHERE AND WHEREFORE.

THE patient at the clinic suddenly shook off the fumes of ether, sat up on the operating table and said: "Where am I?"
When nobody answered he looked wildly into the faces of the students who filled the amphitheater and cried out: "What am I here for?

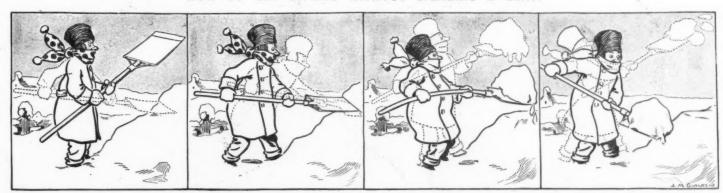
And a voice from the rear benches replied: "For instance."

#### DIMINUENDO.

I NCLE is n't quite so fast and furious when auntie 's with him." "Oh, no. It's uncle andante, then."

#### HOW TO GET STRONG WITHOUT SPENDING A

Will S. Adkins.



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When the captain remarked to the boatswain:
"Suppose your Creator had choatswain
To create you a cow, sir?"
Merely hitching his trouser,
The boatswain replied: "Wul, s'poatswain?"

#### MILLENNIAL.

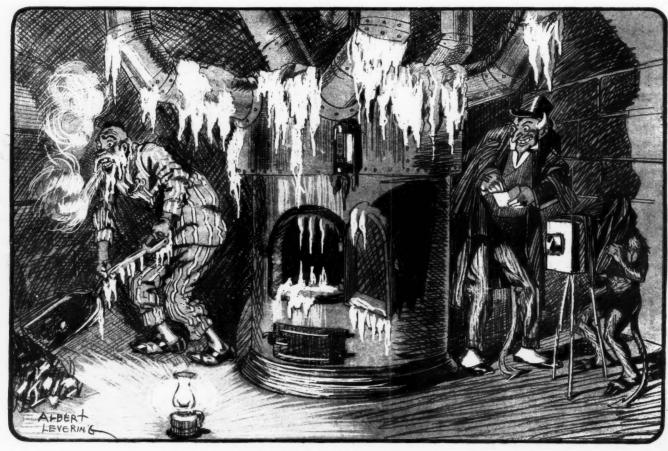
"Some day—it may be right around the corner, and it may be as far off as the stars," said the Old Codger, after a season of rumination,—"some day the people will scrutinize the man who consents at the earnest solicitation of his many friends to accept a political job as carefully as they inspect the animal offered 'em in a horse swap."

Had They Been Born Sooner .- VI.



THE HERMIT.
VICE-PRESIDENT FAIRBANKS.

The wise man (in trade) laughs (at his customers' jokes) and grows fat (off the patronage they give him in consequence).



THINGS THAT BEAT -

THE DEVIL (in the Suburban cellar).—I have never as yet let my furnace fires go out, but if I can give my lodgers pleasure like this by doing so, there 's going to be a big drop in temperature down below.

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# WILSON That's All!

CAN REMEDY THAT.

"Yes," he chattered, "I will love you just as much when you are old and gray!"

"Well," said she, decisively, "I may live to be old, but I'll never be gray!"

—Detroit Free Press.

A GOOD many things come to the man who is so busy hustling that he has no time to wait.—Chicago Daily News.

It is said Sarah Bernhardt has decided to make use of a circus tent in her tour of the South. In some respects Sarah is a three-ring circus.— Atlanta Constitution.

Gen. Chaffee has no desire to be a police commissioner of New York city. And yet the president of the United States did n't despise the job. And now see where he is!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The beef packers have engaged thirty-five lawyers to represent them in the trials before the Federal court in Chicago. The packers can afford the luxury, at the consumers' expense.—*Washington Post*.

Don't be distressed by the report that automobiles are to be more costly next year. Inability to buy may save many a well-meaning chap from becoming a bankrupt as a result of the bill for maintenance and repairs.—

Indianapolis News.

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CE UPON a time there was a buzz sawyer who was so musical in his tastes that he frequently broke into a jig to the weird monotonous shriek of the as it whizzed through the piece of wood which he deftly guided. It is therefore not greatly to be wondered at that he performed a lively and exquisitely beautiful saraband one day when an organ grinder paused beside the open window at which he was employed, and started up a tune of so lively a measure that it was enough to set a pair of empty shoes a-dancing. As the sawyer swayed to the magic music he looked like one who had

been suddenly touched by a fairy wand and transformed from a coalcart driver His fellow laborers in the kindling wood mill paused with into a coal baron. the easy grace of salaried workmen, to watch the queer Terpsichorean antics of which the performer was probably unconscious, especially when the organ grinder's arboreal acolyte paused on the window sill and beat his financial porringer in the ecstacies of a boundless joy, and shrieked a rapturous shriek while the wind toyed with his amethystine side-whiskers. The expert of and in kindling woodcraft, paused neither in his dancing nor in his work, for it seemed that the organ grinder, while winding the crank, continued to wind him up, so that he could not stop dancing so long as the swarthy, grinning Tuscan kept up the process of whirling the handle. But while he danced he turned his eyes from his work and addressed the delighted simian in unusually complimentary terms. The monkey bowed and scraped in anticipation of the coin for which he was already projecting the gaping cup, when the dancer gave a sudden jump accompanied by a shrill shriek, which convinced all beholders that his left hand would never again be need of a finger bowl.

The moral of this little fable teaches us that we should never attempt to do two things at the same time unless we can so split our organ of vision as to cover both of the said things simultaneously. It also teaches us that while we monkey with the buzz we should not buzz with the monkey, and that while we buzz with the monkey we should not monkey with the buzz.

#### A BROAD HINT.

Mr. Hangon.—There is a certain air the band plays that always sets my feet to marching.

MISS YAWN .- I wonder if there is any hope that a band will come this way to-night .- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### MODERN PHILOSOPHY.

"Did he lose his money?"

"No; only his reputation."

"Ah, well, that's not so bad - he can buy that back!" - Detroit Free Press.

A GIRL has a lot of confidence in the veracity of a young man who tells her she is the sweetest thing that ever happened. - Chicago Daily News.



FADS.

"Wot does dey mean by 'fads' in de public schools, Jimmy?" "Aw, readin', writin', 'rithmetic, gography, hist'ry, grammar an' all

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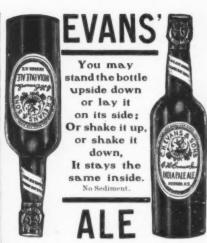
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